

REMARKS:

Prior to this amendment, claims 1 - 14 were pending. With the entry of this amendment, claims 5, 8, 10, and 12 will be canceled, claims 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 14 will be withdrawn, claim 2 will be amended, and claims 1 - 4 will remain pending. The pending claims read on the elected invention.

The Office requires restriction to one of six groups, as shown in the table below.

Group	Claims	Description
I	1 - 4	Colorless compound from FERM BP-8417 having a molecular weight of molecular weight of 457, classified under Class 435, Subclass 119, for example
II	5 - 6	Colorless compound having a structure different than the organic compound claimed in invention I, classified under Class 435, Subclass 122, for example
III	7 - 10	Method of preparing a composition by culturing FERM BP-8417, classified under Class 435, Subclass 127, for example
IV	11 - 12	Culture medium for algae comprising compounds from Group I or Group II, classified under Class 435, Subclass 257.1, for example
V	13	Mono- di- or trimethylated compound obtained by reacting the compound of Group I with trimethylsilyldiazomethane, classified under Class 435, Subclass 156, for example
VI	14	Compound obtained by reacting the compound of Group V with sodium borohydrate, classified under an unidentified subclass of Class 435, for example

Applicant chooses, with traverse, Group I, comprising claims 1 - 4 and characterized by the Office as "drawn to a colorless compound from FERM BP-8417; having a molecular weight of 457 classified under Class 435, Subclass 119."

Applicant traverses the characterization of Group I as drawn to a compound from FERM BP-8417. Claims 1, 3, and 4 are not limited to compounds obtainable from

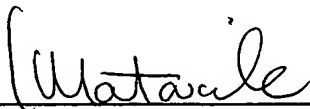
FERM BP-8417. Applicant also notes that claims 11 and 12, not claims 7 - 10 as indicated on page 2 of the Office Action, are drawn to a culture medium for algae.

Please proceed with examination of claims 1 - 4. Please also grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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